

*SUNNYSIDE FARM
Kennedyville, Maryland
(19th)*

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

SUNNYSIDE FARM

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South side of Morgnec Road, 1/4 mile
from junction with Browntown-Harmony Woods Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Kennedyville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

Maryland

21645

COUNTY

1st

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☒ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Robert N. Baxter

Telephone #: 301-348-5493

STREET & NUMBER

Box 216

CITY, TOWN

Kennedyville,

VICINITY OF

Maryland, STATE, zip code 21645

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Kent County Court House

Liber #: E H P 7

Folio #: 106

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland 21620

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust, Survey of Kent County

DATE

1968

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust, The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR
☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old homestead of Sunnyside Farm is located on a rise of land between the two forks of the creek which leads to Spry Landing. Open fields surround the building. Views to the east and west are terminated by the tree lines of the creeks. There are the remnants of an allée of trees flanking the house and running to the road. Behind the dwelling is a cluster of farm buildings which includes a gable roofed corn crib, a machine shed, a concrete plank silo, and a barn with a gambrel roof. A modern brick ranch house has been constructed in front of the old house near the road.

Sunnyside Farm house is a five-bay, two-and-one-half story frame structure with a shallow gable roof; standing against the east wall of the main house is a lower one-and-one-half story kitchen wing which is four bays in length. The exterior walls are covered with asbestous siding, the roof with asphalt shingles. Two dormers are located in each roof slope in both the main house and the wing. Most of these have been altered, but an original cornice molding and return on the northern dormers of the main house are a Greek Cavetto and closely resemble a portion of crown molding on the cornice of the wing.

Both the main house and the wing have box cornices at the edge of their roofs. Gables are finished with verge boards. These architectural features have been substancially altered.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES *second quarter 19th century* BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Sunnyside Farm house is a typical farm house of the second decade of the 19th century. In form it is nearly identical with buildings of the last half of the 18th century, attesting to the traditionalism that guided the design of vernacular structures in this area.

Original moldings reflect the influence of the Greek Revival in the flatness of their profile and in their extreme simplicity.

Those which remain on the cornice of the wing, on the cornice and return of the main house dormers, and which are used to ornament the main entry are extremely similiar and imply that the building was constructed at one time.

The surveyor was unable to record the interior of this structure. Because the exterior detailing is virtually identical to that used on Edick Farm house (K-180), it is probable that interior detailing would be similiar as well.

It is unfortnate that the present siding has obscured the original details of the house. Although plain, it is well proportioned and if intact would be a handsome building.

The allée of trees flanking the house was a typical feature of landscape design in the upper Eastern Shore in the second half of the nineteenth century.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600 ext. 67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland 21620

STATE

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Windows are evenly spaced on the main house and have 6/6 sash. Frames are narrow and consist of a bead and fillet; wooden sills project only slightly from the wall surface. Remaining hardware shows that there were once exterior blinds at each window. Windows in the wing are smaller and less regular than those in the main house but also have 6/6 sash. Small four-pane casements light the attics.

Exterior porches and steps have been altered although original doors remain in the main house and the north side of the wing. The major entry on the north facade has a transom light and sidelights with lower panels. The transom bar of both main house and wing are decorated with tiered fillets. The main entrance door has two vertical recessed panels with Greek Cavetto panel moldings.

The entire building rests on a brick foundation made of 8"-8 3/8" X 2"-2 1/4" X 3 1/2"-4" bricks partially covered with unscoured stucco. Brick chimneys with simple caps are enclosed within each gable.

The surveyor was unable to record the interior of the building although a simple stair could be seen in the central hall of the main house. Old interior photographs of the building show simple mantles and trim; both of these features employ shallow Greek-type moldings.

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Kent TOWN Kennedyville VICINITY Morgnec STREET NO. rt. 447, 2 miles N.E of Morgnec (south) ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE dwelling PRESENT OWNER Robert N. Baxter PRESENT USE tenant house WALL CONSTRUCTION frame NO. OF STORIES 2½		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY K-191	
2. NAME Baxter Farm House DATE OR PERIOD 19th century STYLE Federal ARCHITECT BUILDER		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		OPEN TO PUBLIC no	
<p>The Baxter Farm is included in this survey only because it represents the typical colonial farm house structure carried over into the 19th century. It appears to be a late federal building, i.e. the second quarter of the 19th century. It is now covered with asbestos shingle and stands on a brick foundation covered with cement. Almost all decorative trim has been removed or covered. It is a five bay long, 2½ story frame dwelling which has a brick chimney in each gable and a 1½ story frame wing to the east thereof, four bays long with a chimney in its east gable. All sash are 6/6 and there are no shutters. The central entrance has a four panel door, sidelights and transom. Two dormers light the attic on each side of the "A" roof. There is a small porch over the entrance of little merit.</p> <p>The owner has built a new house close to the road and uses this one for the tenant.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered no	Interior Exterior poor
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Michael Bourne DATE OF RECORD Sept. 12, 1968	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

The Baxter Farm is included in this survey only because it represents the typical ^{colonial} farm house structure carried over into the ~~late~~ 19th century. It appears to be a ~~late~~ later than Federal although it is difficult to ascertain because the whole structure has been covered with asbestos siding, the brick foundation covered with cement and almost all the remainder. It is a 5 bay long, 2 1/2 story frame dwelling which has a brick chimney on each gable and a 1 1/2 story frame wing to the east being 4 bays long with a chimney in its east gable. All sash are 1/6, ~~the windows are~~ and there are no shutters, the central entrance has a 4 panel door, sidelights and transom. 2 downspouts light the attic on each side of the "A" bay. There is a small porch over the entrance of little merit.

The dwelling is not now in use, & the owner has built a small house close to the road.

Name Baxter Farm MHT# K-191
 Location Kent Kennedyville
 COUNTY town
Rt 447 - 2 mi NE of Maynes
 address or road#

First owner of record _____ DATE _____

Present owner Robert W. Baxter DATE 1968

Address Kennedyville ~~Chesapeake~~ Md.

Parcel or Deed # _____

Original use dwellin

Present use dwellin (farm)

Md. Map Coordinates _____

Long. & Lat. reading _____

Style Federal

Date(s) of construction 19th Century

Architect _____

Builder _____

DESCRIPTION:


2 1/2 Frame
 NUMBER of stories type wall construction

Foundation-basement brick covered with cement

Wall construction- frame - with cobble sides

Water table, string course, other decorative work essential to walls

Chimneys on each gable - brick

Name Baxter Farm MHT# K-191Entrance type & placement Center - with side light & transomVery plainWindows 5 bays long - 6/6Shutters noRoof type A coveringCornice, eaves wood boxDormers, cupolas 2 : "A" : 6/6Porches over entranceWings, hyphens 4 bay - 1 1/2 story, 6/6 side - Interior:
Stairway _____

Doors _____

Trim _____

Other noteable work _____

Name

Dexter FarmMHT# K-191Physical condition poorEnvironment farm

References:

MHT Color slide # _____

MHT B & W # _____

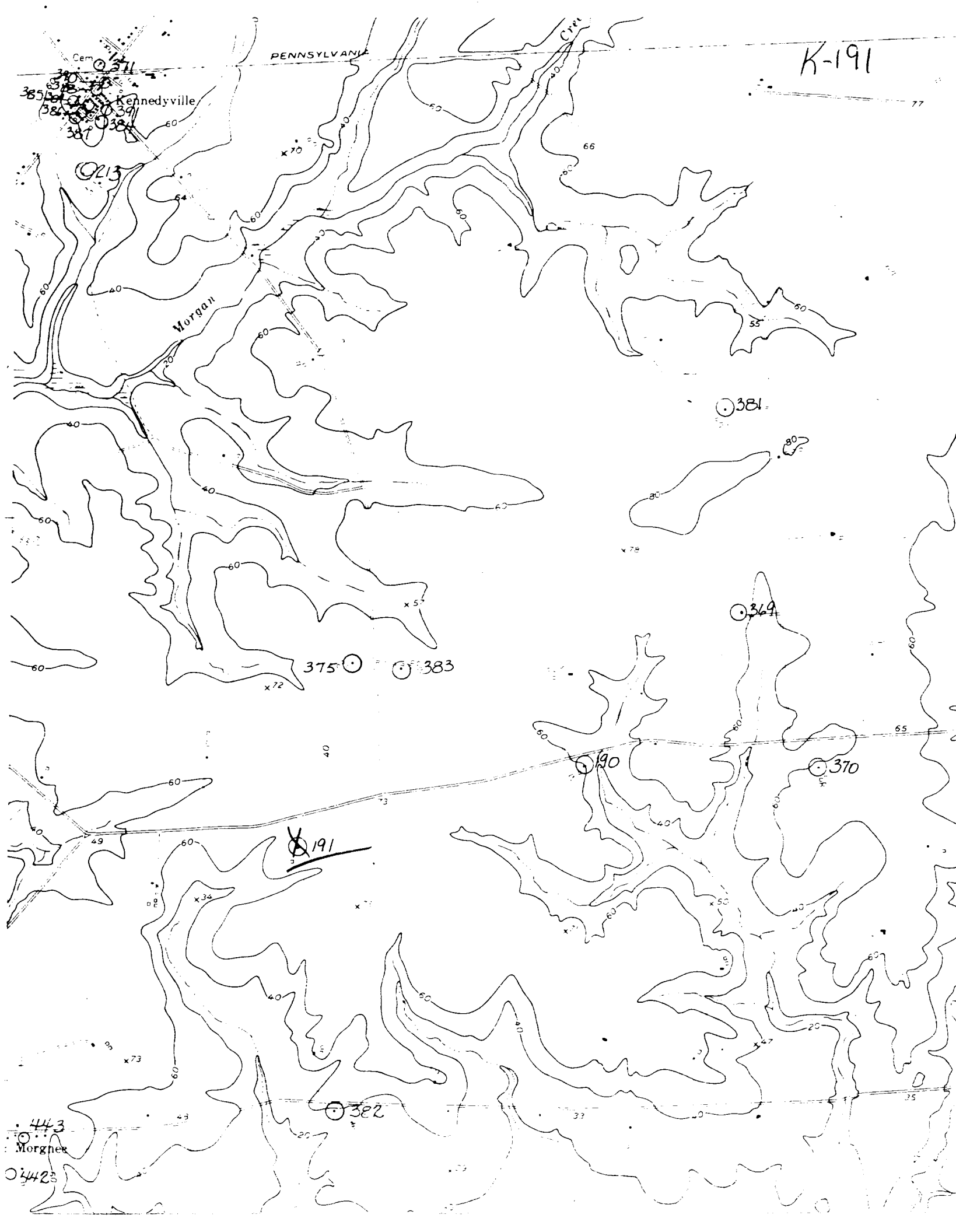
Owner contacted Mrs. Baxter

OTHER: _____

Recorder Michael BourneDate Sept 2, 1968

Summary: _____

Enclosures: e.g. Map, Historical significance, sketch of floor plan,
and angle of photos, etc.





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